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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMING EXERCISE: LIBYA

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1. UNDP IN LAR OPERATES UNDER SAME DISABILITY AS DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE: INABILITY TO GET ATTENTION OF DECISION- MAKING LEVEL OF LARG (I. E. RCC). UNDP RESIDENT REP HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY WITH MINISTRY OF PLANNING TO GET APPROVAL OF COUNTRY PROGRAM, BUT LATTER STILL HAS NOT RECEIVED RCC CONCURRENCE.

2. UNDP IN LAR WORKING WITH INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURE (IPF) OF \$5 MILLION FOR 1972-76 BUT IS CURRENTLY OVERCOMMITTED BY \$200,000. FOR THIS REASON PLUS DESIRE INITIATE NEW PROGRAMS WHICH WOULD RAISE IPF TO \$10 MILLION, UNDP HAS ATTEMPTED INTEREST LARG IN COST- SHARING PROGRAM. IF COST- SHARING NOT APPROVED BY LARG, UNDP WILL PROCEED WITH FIVE MAJOR PROJECTS LISTED BELOW, WITH LARG CONTRACTING WITH SPECIFIC AGENCIES UNDER FUNDS- IN- TRUST ARRANGEMENT FOR FUTURE

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ADDITIONAL PROJECTS (DESCRIBED PARAGRAPH 4 BELOW). IF LARG APPROVES COST- SHARING, UNDP PREPARED TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS WITHIN SCOPE OF REVISED COUNTRY PROGRAM WITH INCREASED IPF.

3. FOLLOWING ARE PROJECTS IN LAR CURRENTLY FUNCTIONING UNDER COUNTRY PROGRAM:

A) VOCATIONAL TRAINING. PROVIDES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FIFTEEN VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS, INCLUDING THE IMPROVEMENT OF THREE MAJOR VOCATIONAL CENTERS ALREADY CREATED UNDER THE PROJECT IN TRIPOLI, BENGHAZI AND MISURATA. INVOLVES 350 EXPERT MAN/ MONTHS DURING 1972-73 AND, IN THE NEXT PHASE OF THE PROJECT (1973-75), 742 EXPERT MAN/ MONTHS. TWENTY- FOUR FELLOWSHIPS OF ONE- HALF YEAR ALSO PLANNED PLUS \$140,000 EXPENDITURE FOR EQUIPMENT. LARG HAS AGREED TO EVENTUAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$50 MILLION TO THIS PROJECT.

B) MANPOWER PLANNING TEAM. CONSISTS OF SIX EXPERTS ASSIGNED FOR VARYING PERIODS TO MINISTRY OF PLANNING; TOTAL OF 351 MAN/ MONTHS ALLOCATED FOR THE PERIOD 1972-76.

E) INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH CENTER. ASSISTANCE TO THE CENTER VIA ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY STUDIES. NINE EXPERTS WILL ASSIST THE CENTER FOR A TOTAL OF 289 MAN / MONTHS. SPECIAL FIELDS ARE FOOD TECHNOLOGY, BUILDING INDUSTRY, LABORATORY INSTRUMENTATION AND ECONOMIC PLANNING. TWELVE ONE- YEAR FELLOWSHIPS ARE INCLUDED.

D) ECONOMIC PLANNING TEAM OF EIGHT EXPERTS WILL ASSIST MINISTRY OF PLANNING IN DRAWING UP AND MONITORING ITS ROLLOVER THREE- YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLANS DURING THE PERIOD 1972-76 FOR A TOTAL OF 444 MAN/ MONTHS.

E. FACULTY OF EDUCATION. UNDP/ UNESCO HAS PROVIDED ASSISTANCE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FACULTY OF EDUCATION AT THE LIBYAN UNIVERSITY SINCE 1968. IN 1971 SECOND PHASE OF THIS PROJECT BEGAN AND A TOTAL OF 446 MAN/ MONTHS ARE ALLOCATED FOR THE PERIOD 1971-74.

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4. FOLLOWING PROJECTS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED BY UNDP FOR

INCLUSION IN EXPANDED COUNTRY PROGRAM AND UNDER COST-SHARING PLAN (I. E. OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS CURRENT IPF WOULD BE DOUBLED TO \$10 MILLION WITH LARG PAYING HALF);

A) LAND AND WATER INVESTIGATIONS. THIS IS CURRENTLY A FUND- IN- TRUST PROJECT UNDER FAO AUSPICES.

B) TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAINING INSTITUTE. THE LIBYAN PTT, IN COOPERATION WITH UNDP/ ITU, ESTABLISHED A TELE-COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING CENTER IN BAIDA. FIRST PHASE WOULD INCLUDE 237 MAN/ MONTHS FOR EXPERTS FROM UNDP PLUS ALLOCATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIPS AND EQUIPMENT.

C) CIVIL AVIATION TRAINING TEAM.

D) EXPERIMENTAL SCHOOL, A MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOL TO BE RUN IN CONJUNCTION WITH FACULTY OF EDUCATION PROJECT.

E. ANIMAL HEALTH PROJECT.

5. UNDP RES REP SAID THAT ONE OF REASONS FOR LARG SLOWNESS IN APPROVING COUNTRY PROGRAM IS FEELING THAT EGYPTIAN EXPERTS MAY BE AVAILABLE IN FUTURE, DUE TO UNION, AT A COST LESS THAN EK EXPERTS. IF COUNTRY PROGRAM NOT APPROVED BY LARG WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, RES REP PLANS ADVISE UNDP TO PROCEED WITH CURRENT PROGRAMS (PARA 3 ABOVE), MAKING APPROPRIATE CUTS TO REMAIN WITHIN \$5 MILLION IPF. PROJECTS LISTED UNDER PARA 4 ABOVE WOULD CONTINUE OR BEING UNDER FUNDS- IN- TRUST.

6. EMBASSY' S COMMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS ON SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT OF PROGRAMS WILL BE CABLED VIA SEPTTEL PRIOR TO MARCH 28.
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